PRICE: 50 CENTIMES. GREAT BRITAIN, SIXPENCE

THIRD ARMY WELL ON WAY TO KEEP WATCH ON RHINE

Doughboys Pass Longwy and Briey

250,000 TROOPS ON MARCH

Veteran Battling Divisions in Forces of Occupation Glory in "The Party"

Nine divisions strong—the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 32nd, 42nd, 85th and 90th s—the Third. American Army began on the morning of. Sunday, November 17, 18ts march to the Rhine.

It was at 5:30 that the order "Forward, march" sounded along the American line from Mouzon to Thiaucourt—Mouzon on the Meuse just below Sedan and Thiaucourt down in the heart of what was once the St. Mihiel salient. An hour or so earlier, the unfriendly notes of reveille had disturbed the chill November air and tumbled out of a myriad dugouts and pup tents a stamping, growing, cursing crew who damned the Kaiser and swore at Germany, but not one of whom could have been hired for love or money to go off on leave-this day of days.

Indeed, for several days before the march began, officers and men who had started forth so gaily on their long jostponed leaves kept hurrying back of their own accord at the first inking that their outfit had been among those inominated to keep a watch on the Rhine. Even men who, on the strength of the armistice, had decided to go AWOL for a day or so, would glean the good news at half-way towns like Barle-Duc or Châlons and come sneak-ing back as fast as their legs or hoswhat came in no time to be known "The Party."

Singing Toward the Frontler

Singing Toward the Frontier

So, when the sun came up on the orning of the 17th it found them all arching in columns of squads along e highways that lead to the frontier plodding along and singing as they ent. And the song that they sang to remany was a new version of an old worite which broke ever and again to the familiar refrain, "The Yanks e coming, the Yanks are coming," the Yanks are coming, or them, as they ambled for one of the coming the company of the property village, the rests were fairly littered with German Infrarects were fairly littered with German ritidge belts as though, when the mistice news came they had been opped then and there, never to be exact up again by German hands. Whole platonons of American Infrarects was glutted before sundown of e first day, and lugers, which a fortight before, would have sold for anyhere from 100 to 300 francs, could be din exchange for one package of garettes.

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a there were big guns and an ocal truck abandoned in the haste great departure. One of these was as empty as a rulned town, n its tailboard the departing had hung this affable sign: yourselfs."

Best Find of All

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Then, treasure trove of treasure
troves, the advancing Americans found
in the German hospitals some Yankee
wounded. In the big hospital at Virton,
for instance, the Germans had been-obliged to leave behind some 400 men
too seriously wounded to be moved—
left them there with a full staff of surgeons and nurses to care for them—
and among these were nine Americans.
They had lain there, lonesome and
holless. for many weary days and

England to Leave in Few Days

The first A. E. F. organizations to leave for home will be certain air units, according to announcement from G.

number will include, however, The number will include, however, some of the squadrons now in England. Many of the first soldiers of the A. E. F. who will watch the sun set over the Atlantic from the prow instead of the stern, therefore, will be men who have never been in France. Some off these squadrons in England will start for home within a few days. Apart from these air units, the sick and wounded will form the chief vanguard of the homegoing army.

S.O.S. DROPS PLANS FOR IMMENSE ARMY AS LINE GOES EAST

Singing, Spike - Helmeted European Contracts for Food and Equipment Cancelled

40,000 MEN GOING FORWARD

Divisions in Army of Occupation Will Be Brought Up to Full Strength

Construction projects of all kinds—docks, warehouses, railroad facilities, cantonments, gasoline tanks and so on —planned by the Service of Supply to sorve an immense army of more than 4,000,000 men in France next spring were abruptly abandoned with the signing of the armistice, and European contracts for food, clothing and equipment cancelled.

Nearly \$1,000,000.000 proposed expenditures in America's war program were crossed off the Army's books at one stroke. At the same time plans were made for the pushing forward of the lines of communication to supply the advancing Army of Occupation and also to take care of the future backward flow of men and material to the base ports and Hoboken.

By the stopping of construction projects in the S. O. S. 40,000 men engaged in that work have been freed for other purposes, and they will be sent forward to the Army of Occupation to be used as replacements and bring up to full strength the divisions that will be given the task of holding the bridgeheads on the Rhine pending the final conclusion of peace.

Still Busy in S.O.S.

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The work of giving the reverse ish to the supply facilities of the b. S. depots, warehouses and docks aking it possible to handle business.

before. As one S. O. S. man puts it.

"We are learning how to leapfrog both
ways at once."

When the stock and wounded have
been sent on their way homeward, the
remaining men in the S. O. S., according to competent authority, will stay
on the job of supplying the Army of
Occupation until the final withdrawal
of the American Army from Europe is
begun. In other words, the great majority of the men in the S. O. S. will
carry on at the same old stand as long
as there is an Army of Occupation on
the Rhine front.

In the Transportation Service alone
construction projects at 43 different
places in France from Brest to Toulon
and Bordeaux to the English Channel
have been canceled. Among the projects involved were an immense dock
on deep water to accommodate 20 odd
supply ships at once, ammunition docks
and warehouses, engine terminals, lightcrage wharfs and storage yards, railroad sidings and double tracking of
existing roads.

The locomotive and car program has
been reduced by 2,500 locomotives and
61,000 cars. and orders for several hm.

No More Office Equipment

Shipments of typewriters, office equipment and rolling kitchens and animal-drawn vehicles were called off. No more marmite cans, braziers and cans, G. I., will be mauufactured. No more purchases of band instruments and music will be made, except for bands of the Regular Army. Warehouses rented from the French which are not absolutely needed will be turned back to their owners, and no more charcoal will be purchased. Bit will be limited to the production of except the gardens in the vicinity of hospitals.

The Medical Corps has been did retent to the contraction on a basis of 7½ per cent of total strength, instead of 15 per cent as heretofore. Construction work in progress at a number of places has deen stopped and authorization for the contraction of the proper strength of the contraction of the progress at a number of places has deen stopped and authorization for divisionals equipment, both in Europe and the Enited States.

HER **THANKSGIVING**



BREST COMES UP FROM BOTTOM AND LEADS PORT RACE But When U-Boats Fail to

Midnight Movies and Band Music Help Weck's Victors

ALL BASES SHOW BIG GAIN

Fortnight Freight Unloading Figures Show Increase of 22 Per Cent

the second week of the S. O. S.'s cial freight-unloading Race to Ber-saw the port of Brest raise itself its boot straps out of the cellar its boot straps out of the cellar its week of the contest and land it-

:	Port Brest Bordeaux Marseilles La Pallice	2nd Week.	For 2 Weeks
1	Brest	176.239	261,53
١	Bordeaux	130,464	253,17
٠	Marseilles	124,108	258,40
1	La Pallice	115,555	217.63
			227.77
	St. Nazaire	111,050	216,58
٠.	Rochefort	98,931	214.38
1	Rouen	88,592	195.63
,	St. Nazaire Rochefort Rouen Nantes	83,762	193,77

From the second column of figures it will be seen that the standing of the ports up to date is, in order, Brest, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Le Havre, La Pallice, St. Nazaire, Rochefort, Rouen

Midnight Movies at Brest

At Brest free movies are being sin the docks at midnight three nut of the week for the benefit of tight shift. To boom things a even more, the 13th Marines' band has been detached from its regiment and made the official musical organization of the base. And Major O'Neil, who sent his representative around town cutting the question marks out of the "Race to Berlin?" signs is beginning to throw out his chest quite a bit. While it doesn't show up in the figures, it is only fair to the port of Bordeaux to state that, instead of knocking off and having a party on the Glorious Eleventh, the Stevedores threw in a little more steam and unloaded 10,642 tons of freight on that memorable day, which is a record so far in the contest, and most astounding in view of the fact that Bordeaux's daily average_for September and October was only 6,131 tons.

For the first week of the contest, the Boreaux gang unloaded an average of 7,923 tons a day, and for the second week boosted it to 8,395 tons. During the middle of the week there was a slump due to the shortage of ships, and the gang declares that it will not be satisfied until it has passed the 10,000 ton mark as its daily average for a whole week running.

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SOLDIERS ON OCEAN DOUBT PEACE NEWS

Fight, Armistice Is Celebrated

When the good ship Nansemond, loaded with 1,200 horses, 165 enlisted men and four officers, picked out of the air over the North Atlantic on Novem ber 11 a message saying that fighting had ceased in Europe, everybody, in-cluding the K. P.'s, yawned, smoked an extra pipeful of tobacco or a dozen cigrettes and crawled into his bunk early

Robody could kid them.

But the next noon, when a U-boat as sighted plowing peaceably along they all thought, as the king said, "there's something in it." When, a few hours later another U-boat, being sighted, acted like a trained and performing duck but without sign of hostility, everybody was almost convinced. There was some talk, of course, that U-boat had wan out of proposition of had mutinied, but when a British admiralty wireless was intercepted next
day saying that the zig-zagging was
no longer necessary and ships could
light up, 165 men and four officers forgot codfish breakfasts, seasickness and
all the other trials of the voyage and
marched the decks singing and cheering. That evening there was a special
armistice dinner of chicken and plum
pudding, and the boys smoked eigarcttes on deck and the vessel speeded
straight alead with all portholes looking like searchlights.

First in After Armistice

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The Nansemond was the first big
troopship to arrive at St. Nazaire after
the armistice had been signed.
"Why don't you make some noise?"
asked a disappointed St. Nazairite, who
had expected that the men on the troopship would jump overboard in their
hurry to learn the news the minute a
hint was shouted to them.
"We left our voices on the ocean
back there," said one of the new men
hoarsely. "We've celebrated every
inch of the way in."

MADAME PAQUIN PICKS A.S.C. COLORS

Steel Gray and Marine Blue Selection of Paris Modiste

It took Madame Paquin herself to choose and match up the distinctive colors of the new Army Service Corps, which, being the last big Army department organized, found that the rainbow had been pretty well riddled of available shades by the other branches, which picked their colors months ago. The A. S. C. major with the color picking job on his hands had an inspiration. Service colors being necessary mostly for piping on officers' overseas caps, and Madame Paquin knowing quite a little about millinery in general—why not let the famous Paris modiste solve the problem in color harmony?

As for Madame Paquin, she considered herself honored at being able to a serve the American Army. So, after much matching of ribbons and laying of colors on olive drab cloth, Madame Paquin decided that steel gray and marine blue would be just about right. Her selection is now official.

LETTERS HOME NOW MAY MENTION TOWN AND GIVE ALL NEWS

Censorship Relaxed Also to Permit Sender's Full Address

CASUALTY RULING STANDS

Use of Camera Still Requires Specific Authorization-Regard for Accuracy Essential

and departments, are not to be on the outside of the envelope.
You may discuss freely the activities and locations, past and present, of the organization to which you are attached, with, of course, due regard to accuracy. You may not, however, criticize the government of the United States, its conduct or its policy, or that of any of the Allied Governments.

Casualty Letters Checked

rands, pictures, text, etc., can be forwarded.

Members of the A. E. F. are as stringently forbidden as ever to invite strangers to communicate with them, to correspond with strangers in response to invitations from the latter, to solicit gifts of any sort, to attempt to do any of these things, or to cause or permit any other person to do them. It is prohibited, just as before, to forward communications through intermediaries in such a way as to appear to evade the censorship rules.

The restrictions in regard to letters and post cards also apply to packages. It is forbidden to include in any outgoing pacrels any necessities of life, any property of the United States or of Alled governments, or any explosives which are still dangerous, or other dangerous matter. Telegraphic, cable and telephone messages are all subject to the general rules covering letters and post cards.

The censorship rule prohibiting the taking of photographs by any member of the A. E. F. not specially authorized to do so remains unchanged.

LID OFF CENSORSHIP

New Rulings Announced Just in Time to Allow Family to Know Whole Story of Your Life in France

TONS OF WRITING PAPER IN SIGHT FOR SUNDAY

Postmaster General Promises to Speed Messages at American End—Don't Forget the Inscription:
"Dad's Xmas Letter"

All right, fellows!

Get the dilatory digits of your writing hand limbered and lined up, fall in the thumb as right guide, sharpen your fountain pen and fill your pencil (or vice versa), get a strangle hold on good intent, and write that Christmas Victory Letter to Dad Sunday. Everything is all ready. Everything is all ready for the grandest carnival of letter writing that the world has known since writing became popular in the best circles. Roughly, a number of men not very far under two millions are going to sit down and write a letter to their father—or somebody clse's father—on this side of the ocean, and somewhere near a million fathers, we should say offlhandedly, on the other side of the water, are going to do likewise. The U.S.A. end is all fixed.

The American news agencies, the Associated Press, the International News Service and the United Press, have sent the word across to America that every son in the A.E.F. is going to write to his dad on Sunday, November 24, and that every son in the A.E.F. expects his father to write to him on the same day. It puts it right up to the old gent—the time being appointed and everything—and, also, it puts it right up to us over here.

If you don't write next Sunday you are going to have a hot time explaining why you didn't. That's a certainty.

Censor's Whiskers Come Off

WOUNDED AND SICK GET FIRST CHANCE AT HOMEWARD TRIP

Serious Cases Should Be Back in America Within Three Months

BED TO EVERY 14 MEN

Many Hospital Construction Plans Suspended—Medical Units Will Continue to Arrive

All seriously wounded men of the A. E. F. now in hospitals in France probably will have been transported to the United States before three months have passed, according to the office of the Chief Surgeon. Seriously ill patients also will be taken back as transportation will permit.

With approximately 250,000 beds in A. E. F. hospitals now, the Medical Department plans to have a hospital bed to every 14 men in the A. E. F. Plans for the fighting period called for one bed for approximately every seven men, statistics so far having shown that sickness and battle casualties made about equal demands on hospital facilities.

There are 21 complete hospital trains now in service, and contracts for 25 more have been held up. Contracts for 20 trains designed to carry sitting cases only have also been held up.

Many Plans Suspended

21 GERMANS TAKEN TO ONE AMERICAN

A.E.F. Captures 44,934 Prisoners, Loses 2,082 to Enemy

2,082. Of the German prisoners 682 are of-ficers and 44,252 enlisted men, while the American captured, according to the latest returns received by the A. G. O., A. E. F., were 209 officers and 1,873 men.

CANTEENS NEAR RHINE

Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross divisional staffs and representatives of other A. E. F. auxiliary organizations, will accompany the American Army of Occupation into Germany and continue to minister to the soldier's needs as hore-tofore. Canteen supplies will follow the men on the march.

Huts, recreation and writing rooms and libraries will be opened in the occupied terrifories and will be opened in an even greater profusion, probably, than before the signing of the armistice. The Red Cross had ordered several hundred huts for use on the front this winter, and many of these are available for immediate use for the advanced by soliders who are not able to write

FOR FATHER'S LETTER

All right, fellows!

Censor's Whiskers Come Off

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The censorship regulations (see 5th column, this page) have been revised, dehorned, truncated and in other ways have got what's coming to them. The censor has removed his green whiskers and appears as a pretty harmless individual. You can tell where you've been and what you've done. You can tell where you are, So thus conveniently supplied there won't be any dearth of things to write about. The trouble will be telling it all.

Tell the old gent the battles you were in, whether it was Château-Thierry or Tours.

pretty near everything you can think of now.

All the necessaries of letter writing there will be a-plenty. The auxiliary organizations of the A. E. F. are seeing to that. Paper is going forward, backward, sideways and in every other direction in spite of any blockades by counter movement or incrtia. Also, the auxiliary organizations are going to extend themselves as much as possible, and at some places where it is practical Dad's Christmas Victory Letter Day will be observed with the consideration which it deserves.

For Army of Occupation

Once the letters are in the postoffice, the Postal Service will do its part. The letters will be rushed to the base port from which they will be sent to the States. And once in the States thoy will be hurried onward to their ultimate destination. This was assured by receipt of the following telegram by THE STARS AND STRIPES this week:

Your cablegram 13th. The Post Office epartment will make every effort to expote delivery of Father's Christmas Letters. roper instructions will be issued to all

The letters will arrive in the United States in time for delivery to every State in the Union for Christmas read-

can let each one of them know the de-tails of how his boy died, after laying his all on the altar of freedom, after gladly offering his life to the country that gave him birth. Remember that, even under the lib-cralized censorship rules references to

cralized censorship rules, references to casualties must still go through the Casualty Section of the Central Records Office, at Bourges, and must be so addressed, as explained in another column. That office, however, will make every effort to speed the messages of sympathy.

If You Don't Know the Address

Remember the fathers of every one of the old gang who is gone. Write to them. If you don't know the address and ean't get it from the company elerk or any other convenient source, send it to THE STARS AND STRIPES, and we will do our best to see that it is delivered